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German Patents 2434342 A1 and 8506258 U1, copies of which are included and listed on the attached PTO Form 1449, were published in German and were cited by the Patent Office in the search report for the PCT counterpart to the current application; however, Applicants do not have a translation, an English language equivalent, or an abstract for either DE 2434342 A1 or DE 8506258 U1.

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A completed modified PTO-1449 form listing the documents to which the Examiner's attention is directed and copies of those documents are presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(e)(1), the undersigned certifies that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d)(2), please charge the fee of \$180.00 set forth in §1.17(p) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

The undersigned may be reached at: 920-721-8863. Respectfully submitted,

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